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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: FM MAVROS' FIELDS PRESS QUERIES UPON
RETURN ATHENS

1. SUMMARY. MAVROS TOLD NEWSMEN AT ELLINIKON OCTOBER 2 THAT SECRETARY OF STATE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY GOG TO ACT AS MEDIATOR FOR CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THAT WHILE U.S.G. INDICATED GREAT INTEREST IN PROBLEM IT HAD NO CONCRETE PLAN ACCEPTABLE TO GREECE. NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO/TV GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FOR MAVROS AT AIRPORT AND HIS BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE
END SUMMARY

2. DEPUTY PM AND FM GEORGE MAVROS RETURNED ATHENS MID-AFTERNOON OCTOBER 2 AND WAS GREETED WARMLY BY OFFICIALS, FRIENDS AND NEWSMEN. ASKED TO COMMENT ON U.S. ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM, MAVROS SAID: "U.S. GOVERNMENT STATES THAT IT IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN HELPING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, NO CONCRETE PLAN HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY USG WHICH
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WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. OUR TALKS TO THIS DAY HAVE

BEEN EXPLORATORY. I HAVE HAD REPEATED MEETINGS WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND WITH MANY EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS. PUBLIC OPINION UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY GREECE'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. IN ANY CASE, NO TALKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF DR. KISSINGER BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT."

3. REPLYING TO QUESTION ABOUT NON-ALIGNED PLAN FOR CYPRUS, MAVROS EXPLAINED EFFORT IS UNDER WAY FOR UNGA TO ADOPT A DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO CYPRUS. HE ADDED THAT THIS AND OTHER DRAFTS, ALTHOUGH "VERY IMPORTANT" BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE THEY EXERTED ON THOSE WHO COULD INFLUENCE THE CYPRUS SOLUTION, DO NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. "THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED ONLY WHEN THE UN BEGINS SEARCHING FOR THE MEANS TO SECURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS". TO FINAL QUERY ON MAVROS' TALKS WITH SOVIET FM GROMYKO, MAVROS SAID THEY WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT USSR HAD STATED ITS DECISION TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVERIGNTY OF CYPRUS, AND THAT IT WILL OPPOSE ALL SOLUTIONS LEADING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EITHER TO PARTITION OR UNION.

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